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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FONMIN KAMEL ON USG STATEMENT RE SOUTH LEBANON

1. SOON AS TEXT OF HODDING CARTER'S STATEMENT ON ISRAELI MOVE INTO SOUTH LEBANON RECEIVED, I SOUGHT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FONMIN KAMEL TO BE SURE THAT HE KNEW ABOUT IT. ALTHOUGH I COULD NOT GET HIM AT EITHER HOME OR OFFICE, HE CALLED ME EARLY THIS AFTERNOON ON ANOTHER MATTER. THIS GAVE ME OPPORTUNITY TELL HIM ABOUT STATEMENT. I SAID I WOULD SEND HIM COPY THROUGH HIS CHEF DE CABINET, AHMED MAHER, WHICH I HAVE DONE.

2. KAMEL SAID HE HAD READ ABOUT THE U.S. STATEMENT. HE SAID IT WAS HELPFUL, BUT REGRETTED THE FACT THAT IT HAD FAILED TO CONDEMN THE ISRAELI INVASION OF SOUTH LEBANON.

3. I REMINDED HIM THAT I HAD TOLD HIM YESTERDAY THAT ANY STATEMENT THAT WE MIGHT IN DUE COURSE ISSUE ON SUBJECT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE OF A CONDEMNATORY NATURE. HE SHOULD NOT, THEREFORE, HAVE BEEN SURPRISED THAT OUR STATEMENT FAILED TO USE THE TERM CONDEMN. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS, BUT STILL EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT. HE WAS PLEASED, HOWEVER, THAT A USG STATEMENT HAD FINALLY
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BEEN ISSUED CALLING ON ISRAELIS TO WITHDRAW. EILTS

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